

upon the testimony of Davies, given in his favour by a similar passage.

She loaths the watry glafs wherein ſhe gaz'd,
And ſhuns it ſtill, although *for thirſt ſhe dye.*

WHEN the conſtruction of a word is explained, it is neceſſary to purſue it through its train of PHRASEOLOGY, through thoſe forms where it is uſed in a manner peculiar to our language, or in ſenſes not to be comprized in the general explanations; as from the verb *make*, ariſe theſe phraſes; to *make love*, to *make an end*, to *make way*, as he *made way* for his followers, the ſhip *made way* before the wind; to *make a bed*, to *make merry*, to *make a mock*, to *make preſents*, to *make a doubt*, to *make out an aſſertion*, to *make good* a breach, to *make good* a cauſe; to *make nothing* of an attempt, to *make lamentation*, to *make a merit*, and many others which will occur in reading with that view, and which only their frequency hinders from being generally remarked.

THE great labour is yet to come, the labour of interpreting theſe words and phraſes with brevity, fulneſs and perſpicuity; a taſk of which the extent and intricacy is ſufficiently ſhewn by the miſcarriage of thoſe who have generally attempted it. This difficulty is encreaſed by the neceſſity of explaining the words in the ſame language, for there is often only one:

one word for one idea; and though it be to tranſlate the words *bright, ſweet, ſalt, bitter* into another language, it is not eaſy to explain them.

WITH regard to the INTERPRETATION other queſtions have required conſideration. It was ſometimes doubted whether it be neceſſary to explain things implied by particular words. As under the term *baronet*, whether inſtead of this explanation *a title of honour next in degree to that of baron* would be better to mention more particularly the title, privileges and rank of baronets; and with regard to the word *barometer*, inſtead of being ſatisfied with obſerving that it is *an inſtrument to diſcover the weight of the air*; it would be fit to ſpend a ſecond upon its invention, conſtruction and principles. It is not to be expected that with the explanation of theſe the herald ſhould be ſatisfied, or the philoſopher that of the other; but ſince it will be required by common readers, that the explanations ſhould be ſufficient for common uſe, and ſince without ſome attention ſuch demands the dictionary cannot become generally valuable, I have determined to conſult the beſt for explanations real as well as verbal; and perſon may at laſt have reaſon to ſay, after one of the ſentiments of Furetier, that my book is more uſeful than its author.